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SUBJECT: EARTHQUAKE IN IRIAN JAYA, INDONESIA

SITREP NO. 5 DATED JULY 23, 1976 FROM UNDRO FOLLOWS: QUOTE:

1. FURTHER MY 1633 OF 20 JULY 1976, UNDRO REPRESENTATIVE NOW IN JAKARTA HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY BOI TO COORDINATE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT ON GOVERNMENT BEHALF.
2. SUPPLIES OF SWEET POTATOES ARE NOW KNOWN TO BE 6 TO 10 TONS WEEKLY AVAILABLE IN PORT MORESBY, PNG, AT AUSTRALIAN DLRS 174 A TON FOR THE NEXT 6 WEEKS. 10 TONS WEEKLY AT AUSTRALIAN DLRS 275 FOB BRISBANE.
3. AIR CARGO COSTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: DC-3 (2500 KGS) AUSTRALIAN DLRS 350 PER HOUR FOR TRANSPORTATION FROM PNG TO JAYAPURA. DC-3 AVAILABLE FOR CONTINUED USE AT SINGAPORE DLRS 910 PRE HOUR. GURBO COMMANDER AT US DLRS 470 PER HOUR. HELICOPTER BELL 206 MONTHLY STANDBY CHARGE US DLRS 17,800. FLYING CHARGE AWAITED. AS TRANSPORTATION WILL BE COSTLY. CASH CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE WELCOMED.
4. INDONCROSS ASSISTING 15,000 PEOPLE WITH SOME FOOD AND HEALTH CARE. LICROSS HAS TRANSFERRED TO INDONCROSS ALL REMAINING FUNDS

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TOTALLING US DLRS 120,000. AT PRESENT EXPENDITURE RATE THIS SHOULD

LAST APPROX. 4 WEEKS.

5. UNICEF HAS CALLED FORWARD SUPPLIES WORTH US DLRS 100,000 FROM BANGKOK, AND APPROVED FURTHER ALLOCATION OF US DLRS 150,000.

6. US AID DELIVERED 2000 BLANKETS 130 TENTS AND 600 COTS TO JAYAPURA. US AID ALLOCATION OF RELIEF FUNDS TOTALS US DLRS 265,500. UK GOVERNMENT DONATED POUNDS 10,000 PER EXPENDITURE THROUGH UNDRO. AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED ITS CONTRIBUTION TO GOI TO AUSTRALIAN DLRS 50,000. CANADIAN EMBASSY HAS CANADIAN DLRS 10,000 PROBABLY EARMARKED FOR DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO MISSIONARY RELIEF EFFORT. JAPANESE GOVERNMENT MADE A CASH CONTRIBUTION OF US DLRS 10,000 TO GOI. JAPANESE RED CROSS HAS DONATED US DLRS 2,000 TO THE LEAGUE AND IS ARRANGING TRANSFER OF 5 MILLION YEN THEY HAVE COLLECTED FROM PUBLIC. SWISS GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOTTED 20,000 FRANCS FOR PURCHASE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES. PAPUA NEW GUINEA HAS DONATED 5,000 KINA.

7. MAIN PROBLEM IS FEEDING 7,000 PEOPLE WHOSE CROPS WERE DESTROYED BY LANDSLIDES. RECONSTRUCTION INVOLVES RESTORING VILLAGES' AGRICULTURAL ZONES OR RESETTLING THEIR POPULATIONS ELSEWHERE.

8. UNDRO REPRESENTATIVE NOW PROCEEDING TO IRIAN JAYA AND MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON REMAINING RELIEF NEEDS WILL FOLLOW.

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